

From: [Ryan Vise](#)
To: [Assunto, Carmen](#)
Cc: [Mason, Steve](#); [Adams, Adam](#); [Smalley, Bryant](#); [Brian McGovern](#)
Subject: Re: DRAFT Desk Statement for your Review
Date: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:15:52 AM

Good here. Thanks Carmen!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2019, at 11:02 AM, Assunto, Carmen <Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov> wrote:

This has not gone up my chain, yet. Please provide any input you desire. Thank you,
Carmen

Draft Desk Statement

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are working with Unified Command in response to a fire at the International Terminals Corporation (ITC) Deer Park facility near Houston, TX. The Unified Command consists of EPA, TCEQ, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Harris County Pollution Control Services (HCPCS) and ITC. Emergency responders continue to use foam to control and prevent spreading of the fire. EPA has conducted air monitoring with the Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology aircraft (ASPECT) and has not measured any significant detections in the vicinity and downwind of the incident. EPA and the Unified Command are continuing to conduct air monitoring.

Sincerely,

Carmen Assunto
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